Your Grace, Archbishop Paul, Representatives of the Hellenic Royal Embassy, Mr. Mauvrides and Mrs. Mauvrides, Mr. Mayor, Mrs. Ligthelm Chairmen of the various Hellenic Organisations, Guests. It is indeed once again a privilege to be able to extend a hearty welcome to you all this evening. Your support is indeed most appreciated. There is, Ladies and Gentlemen, no need to ramify the purpose of the existance of the Hellenic Community of Alberton, as this factor has been mentioned on numerous occasions. Moreover, you are all aware of our motives which include ecclesiastical, scholastic, philanthropic and cultural activities. I must, in this instance, extend a hearty welcome to His Grace Archbishop Paul, who has visited us for the first time since his enthronement. At the same time I express my regret that our new Ambassador, Mr. Economides, could not be with us this evening although I am indeed very pleased to say that at last Greece has appointed an Ambassador to South Africa, which I am sure we all undoubtedly agree, can only strengthen the already strong bonds that exist between our two countries. A special word of gratitude must be mentioned to our supporters of the Dance Programme as I am sure you are all aware, they contribute tremendously towards our financial sources which we need in the running of our everyday communal affairs. I must this evening, also extend a sincere welcome and thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Jack Steyl. Since the formation of our communityI have known them to have missed one function only. Mr. Jack Steyl, our local M.P.C. please accept the sincere gratitude of the Alberton Hellenic Community for your unfailing support, your presence, and the fact that we know that we can always approach you as one of the country's leading citizens,for any guidance we may need is indeed something that this community would not like to be the poorer of. As for the Town Council of Alberton, Mr. Mayor, Please accept our sincere gratitude for all the support you have afforded us in the past.

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Ἐξοχώτατε Πρεσβευτά.

Κυρίες καί Κύριοι.

Αἰσθανόμεθα εὐτυχισμένοι πού ἤλθατε νά τιμήσετε τόν ἐτήσιον χορόν μας, καί νά ἀπολαύσωμεν μαζί τήν διασκέδασίν μας, συμφώνως μέ τάς Ἐθνικάς μας παραδόσεις.

Ἐφέτος ὅμως στολίζουν τόν χορόν μας, δύο νεοδιορισθέντες ἐξέχουσες Ἑλληνικές Προσωπικότητες, είς τάς ὁποίας εὐχόμεθα ἀρίστην ἐπιτυχίαν τῶν εὐγενῶν προσδοκιῶν των.

Ὁ Σεβασμιώτατος Μητροπολίτης μας, κ. Παῦλος.

Καί Ὁ Ἐξοχώτατος Πρεσβευτής μας, κ. Οἰκονομίδης.

Ὁ Σεβασμιώτατος Μητροπολίτης μας, ἐκπροσωπεῖ ὁλόκληρον τήν λαμπράν δρᾶσιν τῆς Χριστιανικῆς Ὀρθοδοξίας, είς τήν ὁποίαν τό Ἔθνος μας ὀφείλει τήν ἐπιβίωσιν του ἐκ τῶν ἐχθρῶν τοῦ, καί ἰδίως ἐκ τῆς Τουρκικῆς κατακτήσεως, καί μᾶς ἑδραίωσε αἰωνίως τόν ὑπέρλαμπρον Ὀρθόδοξον Χριστιανικόν πνευματισμόν μας, καί τόν ψυχικόν μας πλοῦτον.

Ὁ δέ Ἐξοχώτατος Πρεσβευτής μας, ἐκπροσωπεῖ τήν Ἀγαπημένην μας Πατρίδαν. Τό πλέον εὐγενῶς δοξασμένον Ἔθνος τοῦ κόσμου.

Μᾶς δυναμώνει τάς ἀναμνήσεις μας, πρός τήν πολιτισμένην Ἑλληνικήν καταγωγῆς μας, ὅπου μᾶς ἐνθαρρύνει διά τό λαμπρόν μέλλον μας.

Καί ἰδοῦ, αὐτή ἡ θαυμασία Κοινοτικήν μας Ἑστία βαδίζει γρήγορα πρός τήν ἐξόφλησιν, ἕνεκα πού μᾶς βοηθήσατε, καί ὅπου θά μᾶς βοηθήσετε ὅλοι.

Τό ἐκπαιδευτικό ζήτημα, πρός ἐκμάνθησιν τῆς Ἑλληνικῆς γλώσσης, καί τῆς Ἱστορίας μας, είς τά παιδιά μας, προχωρεῖ σταθερῶς μέ ἄριστα ἀποτελέσματα.

Θερμῶς εὐχαριστοῦμεν Τόν Ἑλληνικόν τύπον τῶν ἐδῶ ἐφημερίδων, διά τήν ὑποστήριξιν ὅπου πάντοτε μᾶς κάνει.

Ἐπίσης εὐχαριστῶ τούς ἀξιοτίμους καί σεβαστούς μου συμβούλους, καί τά μέλη τῆς Κοινότητος μας, μέ τούς ὁποίους πάντοτε συμφωνοῦμεν, είς ὅλα ἁρμονικῶς.

Καί τώρα εὐχόμεθα καλήν διασκέδασιν.

Χαιρετισμός είς τόν ἐτήσιον χορόν.

Ἄλμπερτον 14 - 5 - 1969.